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MOTHERHOOD

I know maternity is common,
Yet not so, it seemed to me;
For childless, I did not know
What true Mother-love could be.
It was entirely new to me,
When this miracle I had done;
To feel this sudden and proud glow
When I heard I had a son.

Somehow I felt in a strange new world,
Walked a path ne'er trodden before;
Awoke to a hitherto unknown delight,
The memory will live evermore.
God gave me that wonderful joy,
It's the greatest privilege of all;
To give to the earth another life,
It's the GIVING I now recall.

God gave me the courage and patience
To bear the discomfort and pain;
And when my life hung in the balance,
He gave needed strength again.
And when my little son was born,
"The lonely travail," in Bible told, forgot;
I gazed at the face of my first-born
And I gloried in my lot.

How magical is that fulfilment,
To see one's image in so wee a thing;
Strange now to look back to the days
Before I knew what Motherhood could bring.
So although the world is darkened
By death, always close at hand,
In the sweet birth of a little babe
The blessings of Motherhood stand.

—Peggy Chapman.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Advice should be like a gentle fall of snow,
and not like a driving storm of hail.

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"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
—Exodus 20: 12.

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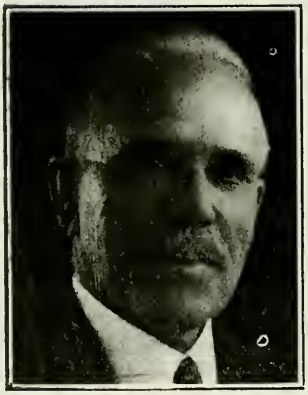
THIS WEEK'S COVER

IT is difficult to imagine the state of mind of the Mother of Jesus Christ, for it appears from the scriptures that she was not fully aware of the amazing truth that she was the maternal parent of the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh until the end. This is evident upon one occasion when the Saviour as a boy of twelve years was obliged to remind her of the fact with that well-known and oft-repeated question: "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I be about my Father's business?" Her lack of knowledge is understandable, for it must have been frightening to realise that such a tremendous privilege was hers. Truly a great responsibility, and one that she must have been carefully chosen to bear.

Sincerity In Living

By Elder Joseph F. Merrill
Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles
Adapted from Conference Address



Joseph F. Merrill

WE Latter-day Saints are certainly a peculiar people, due in part to our characteristic religious beliefs and claims. Yet we are a very practical people, combining religious faith and the affairs of daily life into what we may call a "way of life." It is to some phases of this "way of life" that I wish to call your attention.

All the world who have heard of the teachings of Mormonism know that the Church stands for total abstinence from the use of narcotic drinks and drugs, including tea, coffee, liquor and tobacco. But there are some members of the Church who admit they took to the use of one or more of these forbidden things in the belief that it would help them socially, professionally or in business. Was and is this a mistaken belief. Certainly very many desirable opportunities have been lost by our people, because they lacked the moral courage or the good judgment to say "no" when they were tempted.

A little study of the matter will convince us that the weak always admire the strong, the unclean delights to see the clean, the foolish envy the wise. In this drifting, sinful world, a clean, high type, beautiful character is beloved by the mutitude even though the vast majority of them do not attain to his high moral plane of living. No member of the Church, young or old, male or female, will ever handicap himself or herself in the association with decent people by maintaining the high moral standards of living advocated by the Church. On the contrary, smoking and drinking by reputedly good Mormons will always hurt them, never help them, in gaining respect from worthwhile non-members. They may succeed, but it will be in spite of their lapses rather than because of them.

CHARACTERISTIC DOCTRINES OF THE CHURCH

But let us go further and be reminded that "unto whom much is given, much is required." The Latter-day Saints make many more religious professions than do ordinary Christians. We have many characteristic doctrines, among which are those relating to the personality of the members of the Godhead, of the divine calling of Joseph Smith, of the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon, or the universality of the resurrection of the dead, of salvation for the dead, of the eternity of temple marriages, or personal pre-existence in the spirit world, and

several others. The God whom we worship is a real personal being having the very form in which we ourselves are made, a God who hears and answers acceptable prayers and gives revelations to those worthy of and entitled to them; a God who said, "this is my work and my glory—to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." (Pearl of Great Price, Moses 1: 39).

Another characteristic and basic doctrine of Mormonism is that of eternal progression. We are spirit children of our Father in heaven and were conscious, intelligent, spirit-body personalities in the forms we now possess at the time of the great rebellion in heaven when Lucifer, the Son of the Morning, fought with the Father's loyal hosts, among whom we were numbered, in order to establish force as the dominant factor in man's salvation. Lucifer (Satan) and his rebels were overcome and cast out, coming down to earth where they have been ever since.

SATAN'S INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD

These things are well taught among us so that we understand them in outline, at least. My purpose now in reminding you of them is to call your attention to the fact that Satan, a spirit brother of ours, is a real existent personal being with a spirit body and is here among us with a multitude of helpers. He is infinitely more than a mere idea, a thought, or figment of the imagination. Now a thing sad to see is that Satan has enormous influence and power among men which he exercises to their hurt, sorrow and death. What makes this particularly sad to see is that it is wholly unnecessary for men to yield to Satan's power. God has given each one of us the strength, with His help, to put Satan behind us. In yielding to him men do not live up to their high privileges. They seem not to remember who they are—sons of a royal Father, the supreme commander of the universe, a Father who loves them so much that He gave Jesus Christ, His greatly beloved, first-born and only begotten Son in the flesh, to die a tortuous, ignominious death that they might have the opportunity of being redeemed and live again forever in His glorious presence. Yes, God has given us the power and clearly indicated the way to overcome Satan.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD INHERITED BY HIS CHILDREN

I wish to give emphasis to the fact that since we are spirit children of our Father in heaven, it is perfectly natural that we should possess, at least in embryo and microscopic quantities, the attributes of our Father. And looking at these attributes as they are developed in our finest characters—as they were beautifully exhibited in the earthly life of Jesus, for example, we may get concrete ideas about the nature of God who possesses these attributes in perfection.

One of these is intelligence. Indeed, intelligence is His glory. Intelligence governed by wisdom is also the glory of man, the attribute that chiefly sets him apart from the mere animal. Possessing this attribute it is easy to understand why

it is right for him to be given his free agency. We are therefore entirely in accord with the doctrine that man is endowed by his Creator with the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN ACTS

But free agency entails upon man a weighty obligation—that of being responsible for his conduct, and we must fully realise the fact that because the Lord has given us much, He will in justice exact much at our hands. He will hold us accountable for all that we do.

And here let me particularize a little, indicating a few of our obligations. The Lord requires us to develop the attributes with which we were born. We cannot be saved in ignorance. The law of growth is activity. No one is exempt from this law. But to grow properly the activity must be suited to the growth desired. Playing football may develop an athlete, but it will not make a musician. An intellect governed by wisdom is man's proudest possession. Conduct actuated by the golden rule yields him the greatest happiness. Responsibilities fully met contribute most rapidly to God-like growth.

But in all of these things let us remember that Satan is ever near to handicap us if he can. It is easier to drift than to row. So Satan always prompts us to drift. To grow strong in body, mind or spirit, one or all, self-discipline is absolutely essential. But if we please our Maker we must grow; therefore we must discipline ourselves, that is, we must bring our conduct into harmony with the inexorable laws of divinity that govern growth. I have already indicated a rule of conduct that is in complete harmony with the great law of moral growth—the golden rule.

Now to particularize still more. We Latter-day Saints profess so much that logic, reason, and consistency require us to demonstrate our honesty and sincerity by living according to our teaching, e.g., observe the Word of Wisdom. But this is not all. The Lord requires us thus to live in order to win His favour. And He cannot be deceived. He knows our hearts and our thoughts.

Are we reasonable and wise in what we do? To know what is best to say, what is best to do and to know how best to do it is to possess inspired wisdom, probably our greatest gift. If we live worthy of divine guidance, as we are privileged to do, we shall not go very far astray. We spend great sums and send thousands of missionaries forth to preach the Gospel. Do we so live that our lives are sermons in harmony with the teachings of our missionaries? If not, why not? If not, we shall certainly be condemned. Let us not forget it.

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WE ARE AS ANXIOUS TO PRESENT THAT FIRST BRONZE STAR, AS ANY ONE OF YOU TO WIN IT

ARE YOU GOING TO BE THE ONE?

Mother In A Modern World

By Sister Belle S. Spafford
Of Relief Society General Board

A BIT of old Dutch wisdom comes to us in the quotation, "He that remembers God and his mother is shielded against all evil.

That a special day is necessary to induce one to recall mother and to stimulate expressions of appreciation for her is difficult to understand. She who has shared our troubles, rejoiced in our successes, she who has largely charted the course of our lives and has been our best friend should continuously be the recipient of expressions of appreciation stimulated by a constant awareness of her sacrifices, her strength, her love and her influence for good. Perhaps a reminder is necessary merely because we are careless and so engrossed in our own affairs that we neglect to do the thing we know we should do and would really like to do. But all too often children magnify their own powers and minimize the influences that have contributed most to their strength; they become so accustomed to the strengthening influence of mother that they lose sight of it; they forget their obligation of love and gratitude to her. William George Jordan says, "Ingratitude is a crime more despicable than revenge, which is only returning evil for evil, while ingratitude returns evil for good."

The tasks confronting a mother are not easy. Though they bring their compensations, their satisfactions and joys, she who fills this position in life experiences moments of sorrow, days of anxiety, great sacrifices and responsibilities which cannot be evaded. The mother of yesterday, presiding over the home where she was the central figure in a closely-knit family, living in a world of rather even tempo, had a sufficiently difficult time; but today's mother finds herself living in a world of confusion. She faces a stream-lined, speeded-up world, and stands dismayed. The life patterns of her youth are not the patterns of her children's day. Her pleasures were to be found around the piano in the family parlour, while her daughter seeks hers in a high-powered car. Mingling with girls who smoked or used alcoholic beverages in mother's youth would have made her a social outcast; daughter lives in a world where such things are socially acceptable to many people. Understanding between youth and maturity seems to be a constantly widening gap. Economic problems today are pronounced. Living standards are growing increasingly high, and human wants are multitudinous. The simple things that brought joy to mother's heart would scarcely thrill the girl of today.

The problem of bridging the gap beween mother and children, the task of meeting economic needs, the difficulties involved in rearing a family in an atmosphere of kindness and affection, of allowing freedom without license, of maintaining

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Our Individual Defence Programme

By Elder Franklin J. Murdock

Church Mission Secretary and former President of the Netherlands Mission

THE word "Defence" has been given great prominence in our daily thinking and in our national and economic planning. It is a word which has a significant meaning when applied to the protection of our individual lives from harm or violence. Any word or phrase becomes important to the individual when it pertains to his or her existence. The law of the human race since early ages has been the "survival of the fittest" and he who has been fit has survived and has been able to defend himself.

A human soul is the product of God's creation and the highest form of Divine accomplishment. To preserve and prolong the mortal activity of the soul is our individual concern because we are each just such a creature. The most precious gift to man is life here and hereafter. In our individual lives and actions we come in contact with some of the greatest forces of destruction that are in existence. These forces threaten our happiness. Among these forces which are unconsciously wrapping their poisonous influence around our lives is Public Enemy Number One, INDIFFERENCE. Being indifferent toward the laws and principles upon which this great country was founded; being indifferent toward the observance of law and order; being indifferent toward the Gospel of Jesus Christ and its eternal principles; being indifferent toward a humble faith in God our Father. These are the avenues of indifference. Concrete and steel; huge bombers and massive aerodromes cannot stop this great enemy of our very existence. This fight we should be waging is an individual fight and we are all enlisted until the conflict is over.

DEADLY ENEMY

SELFISHNESS is another deadly enemy to our happiness and progress. Too many of us have become so indifferent toward our fellow men that we think only in terms of ourselves. Here we plant the first seeds of selfishness. We lose sight of the admonition that "we are our brothers' keeper." We are like radios that have not been "plugged in" to the programme of high purpose; just beautiful to look at, but possessing very little utility in the general scheme of human betterment. We invest in the perishables of mortality and become partners with the Shylocks of greed. Fast pursuit planes and torpedoes cannot halt selfishness because it grows most when a man is in his own company and we are all unconsciously the product of our past thinking. Indifference leads toward selfishness, and selfishness to accomplish its own purpose, leads to hatred, the lowest form of mentality. These silent but destructive enemies are only a few of the many that are here and are influencing our lives every day. They are creeping into our dispositions and changing our trends of thought. We know they are powerful and deadly. We are conscious of the fact

that if they are allowed to go on unchalienged in their toll of human happiness and progress, the time will come when darkness and suffering will prevail. We know just as sure as the sun shines that these forces are making their inroads in our lives. We acknowledge our own inability sometimes to cope with them and in great despair we plead for Divine help.

Our Heavenly Father in His great wisdom and love for His children has provided a means by which these great intangible forces and habits may be challenged and subdued. His plan is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the only available defence programme for the salvation of the souls of men. He knew that all these destructive forces would tempt and try to destroy mankind. He planned his great defence programme with His Son for His children long before the spirits of men were tabernacled in the flesh. We all heard of His great plan and shouted for joy.

LEARN TO PRAY

If we will thoroughly study the Gospel of Jesus Christ and put into practise the principles it teaches, we will find the solution to our problems and receive a testimony that will aid us in combating indifference and banishing selfishness and hatred.

One of the greatest influences we can cultivate to keep us from becoming indifferent is prayer. Prayer is our opportunity of talking to God. It is the soul's sincere desire. To realize through prayer that we are in contact with our truest friend, one who knows the longings of our soul. One who understands our weaknesses and our intentions. If we pray sincerely to God, He will hear and answer our prayers. I like the thoughts expressed in these words:

"We say our prayers, but do we ever pray,
And do the wishes of our hearts
Go with the words we say?
We may as well kneel down and worship Gods of Stone
As offer to a living God,
A prayer of words alone.
Prayers without faith
The Lord will never hear,
Nor will He to those lips attend,
Whose prayer is not sincere."

A person who prays regularly and sincerely cannot become indifferent. We see in the actions of the humble camel a splendid example of regularity. As the camel arrives at the oasis in the desert with its load, the only way for that camel to get relieved of the burden carried all day on the journey is to get down on its knees and let its master unstrap the bundles. Through this process the camel becomes relieved of its burden; it is rested and strengthened for another journey tomorrow. In the morning, again the camel gets down on its knees to have the master strap on the load to carry during the day. If we could learn from this simple illustration the necessity of getting down on our knees and talking to God, we would receive the necessary guidance and inspiration we need to overcome and defeat our indifference. Jesus Christ emphasized the value of

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EDITORIAL

Mother's Day

AGAIN we pause, perhaps only for a moment, to think of the Mother's Day. Mother, my Mother! Oh, I almost forgot all about her. Sweet old thing. We must do something for her. It is her day. We must show our sincere love and affection for her. She has been with us so long, she is so much a part of us that we almost look upon her as a necessary part or fixture of the household. Like our old, oak stand in the hall, which grandpa bought. For years it has stood there. Nobody takes much notice of it. Occasionally a praise for its strength and usefulness would come from a friend or visitor. It's there to hang our hats and coats on; to leave our umbrellas and gloves. Silently it bears the burden, the duty of its appointment. At times it is loaded up and overhung when the house is full of friends. The analogy is probably ill-fitting, but is it not like our mother? For years we have not missed her. We take it for granted that she is there; that breakfast will be cooked, our dinner prepared, our tea and supper taken care of. Unthinkable that she should not be there, from morning till late at night seeing to everything.

How deep is our gratitude, how much do we appreciate our mother, our greatest friend in the world? She who went through the valley and shadow of death to bring us forth into the world; she who lavishly and unselfishly cared for us in our babyhood; with true motherly love she watched over us, giving of her time, of her energy and health, putting her all on the altar of affection for us; washing, cleaning, mending late into the night; praying with us, teaching us, training our little feet in the first steps of life; crying in sickness of her own, breaking her own heart over our own ill-health. Today she is old; her face is wrinkled; her gait is slow and her voice tired; her hair is white and the brightness in her eyes is dimmed; in place of pealing laughter she only smiles, **but her love in her heart is unchanged; if anything it is more intense, more feeling and bright—The Mother's Love.**

Mothers of England today. In the midst of war, in the midst of suffering, death and destruction, in the land which is the battlefront of civilization, they stand side by side with their menfolk, brave, courageous and calm. In the vulnerable cities you see them by the thousands and ten of thousands, facing the foe by day and by night. Mothers whose sons have gone to the front, who stand on the shores of this fair land, watching, ceaselessly watching day and night, ready to defend with their lives the freedom of their motherland; mothers whose sons are in the navy, braving the storms, fog and darkness, and the dangers of warfare at sea; sons in the air force, thoughtless of self, hurling through space with incredible speed, fearless

sentinels and shield against the common enemy of free men and women the world over; mothers whose daughters are sharing the burden equally well with men in the factories and workshops as well as in the forces, are doing their part at home.

To watch them in the bombed cties, aware of the danger overhead; in the midst of sirens, debris and destruction they carry on. Watch them: grim, determined, resolute, and almost daring and defiant they hold fast to the chattels in the humble homes with glass long blown out of the windows and doors; behind scarred walls and roofs they stay guarding what is left to them of their earthly belongings, but above all clinging with tenacious motherly love and instinct to their children.

Watch the mothers of the cities by night, mothers and children at the entrances to the underground railways. Poor mothers with bundles of blankets and pillows lining up with their children to spend the night in safety. Watch them in the tubes, while the underground trains dash past them. Bewildered somewhat by the surroundings, staring vacantly a little, tired and worn out, they appear listless, almost indifferent: but the least whimper or a child's cry and every mother's heart is alert, conscious of danger, the natural motherly anxiety is manifest, they are awake; searching, reaching out in the midst of hundreds of night inhabitants huddled together in deep shelters.

Latter-day Saint Mothers, women who know toil, women who have endured many trials and tribulations for the sake of the Gospel and the Church, women who today share with the rest the common tasks and burdens, pray as they have never prayed before for peace, for the safety of their country, for their children, for justice and right to rule this land. Their sons and daughters are serving their King and Country with devotion and fidelity. No prayer, perhaps, is more acceptable to God than the prayer of the women of the covenant. Their supplications have been heard, their appeal has not fallen on deaf ears. Although some homes have suffered damage, some chattels have been lost, not one Latter-day Saint has suffered injury or death in the last 20 months of the war through the action of the enemy. Many homes, many Saints have been miraculously protected in circumstances that would fill pages to describe. Latter-day Saint Mothers have sons and daughters serving the Church as missionaries. Fine young men and women, imbued with the spirit of the Gospel, with testimonies burning in their bosoms, they carry the torch of truth, the message of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Mothers and fathers toil and sacrifice to keep their sons and daughters in the Mission Field.

Young man, young woman, children, remember the Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11th. Show your true and sincere love for your own mother by a kind act, a smile, a token of appreciation, **give her a white carnation.** Remember her this day. Go to the house of prayer, take her with you, offer thy sacraments in humility of heart. **Remember your Mother this day.**

—A. K. Anastasiou.

OUR INDIVIDUAL DEFENCE PROGRAMME

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prayer to His followers and His apostles. He taught them to pray simply, but sincerely. He was the perfect example of prayer. He prayed often and received guidance and inspiration from His Father. His prayer in Gethsemane was His salvation. If Christ felt the necessity of prayer in His life, then how much more should we need the influence of prayer in our lives? Praying regularly to our Heavenly Father is one means of destroying indifference.

GIVE ONE TENTH

The Gospel of Jesus Christ provides a means by which we can conquer our selfishness. Our Heavenly Father has planned that we should give to Him, or His ordained servants, one tenth of our yearly income for the building up of His Kingdom here on the earth. He knows that if we are honest with Him and account for our stewardship of earthly income, that we will not have a lust for material riches themselves, but only a desire to do good with material things toward the building up of His Kingdom. Honest dealings with the Lord is a great defeat for Selfishness.

Our Heavenly Father has also provided another excellent opportunity to develop our sympathy, our patience, our tolerance, our self-mastery over materials, our control of appetite in the plan of the Fast Day. He knew that if we would fast for a period and then give the equivalent saved as a contribution toward the alleviation of the suffering, want and hunger of those less fortunate than we, that into our lives would come great forces of righteousness that would be more powerful and lasting than the forces of destruction.

Now, to be good Christian soldiers worthy of high purpose and real achievement, we must have clean minds, clean bodies, and then there will come nobility of soul. In the wisdom of our great Commander-in-Chief, Jesus Christ, a very comprehensive programme of health has been given to man. Man is asked to abstain from harmful and deadly drinks, drugs and destructive habits. Man is asked to be moderate and temperate in his living and to think clean thoughts and cherish noble ideals. Man is reminded that the Spirit of God will not dwell in an unclean tabernacle. Whoever heard of a successful army not observing these simple, but fundamental rules of conduct?

Our battle against Indifference, Selfishness and Hatred and other enemies of man, is more important than any other modern battle. It is the Battle of Life. It is the Battle of our Survival!

We must face the Truth. We are fighting against the power of the Evil One.

I saw a soldier down on the southern shores of France one day. I noticed that his head was erect, his uniform cleaned and pressed, his weapons were polished and ready for use at a moment's notice. He was a soldier of the Prince of the small province of Monaco. I was impressed with his efficient manner. I thought how well he represents his Prince. If his Prince should appear and ask for inspection at any time, this solider

would be ready. We are all soldiers of a Prince. He is the Prince of Peace! If He should come at any time we are ready for inspection? We do not use implements of steel, nor bombs of destruction. But our implements of love, honesty, virtue, patience, kindliness and peace are far more effective if they are kept polished by their constant use. They are the reserves we can call up to fight in the battle against indifference, selfishness and hatred.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the perfect plan for our individual defence programme. It has been restored from Heaven directly by Jesus Christ Himself in this the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times. It is available to every one of God's children. There will be no end to war, hunger, suffering and hatred until men of Good Will learn to live the principles of Peace and Salvation, which are the embodiment of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I pray that we will sincerely and humbly give a more careful consideration to the building up of our individual defence programme in real preparation for the great and dreadful Day of the Lord.

FROM A BRADFORD NEWSPAPER:

MR. STANLEY RAWNSLEY, a well-known Bradford entertainer on the ukelele, who was discharged from the Army about six months ago on medical grounds, during the week-end completed his hundredth concert for the troops and various war charities. Most of his engagements have been for troop concerts, and he has travelled to almost every camp in the Northern Command. His services have been given free of charge.

Upon his discharge from the army, Mr. Rawnsley made up his mind that he would spend all his spare time entertaining his former colleagues in the army, and he has enjoyed it.

Stanley Rawnsley has been acclaimed by the press as "the natural successor to the greatest comedian of the day." He has been an active member of the Bradford Branch and attributes his success to activity in the M.I.A. We say, "Carry on, Brother Rawnsley, success to you in all your efforts."

One great M.I.A. Slogan says, "Inspired by the refining influences of Mormonism, we will develop the gifts within us."

PERSONALS

ATRILL-BAILEY — On Wednesday, April 16th, Miss Adelaide Edith Atrill was married to Brother William Edward Bailey, who had obtained special licence for the ceremony being on 48 hours' leave. President Norman Dunn performed the ceremony in the Handsworth Chapel. The bride was attired in white and was attended by one bridesmaid who wore green and carried pink flowers. Margaret Dunn assisted at the organ.

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BAILEY—The infant daughter of Brother and Sister Frank Bailey was blessed on Wednesday, April 16th, by Brother Alvin Thomas and given the names of Rosalie Ann.

The Mother-Teacher

By Florence G. Smith

Condensed from The Children's Friend

WHO makes a home needs patience for the years
And courage for the hazards they may bring.
It cannot be a hasty, shoddy thing.
It must evolve, emerge,—a tree that rears
Its great crest slowly, steadfast. Though it fears
The storms, it stands against them. It must cling
To the sustaining earth; so home must spring
From love's deep soil. If there be pain and tears,
There will be comfort too and joy and pride.
He must be strong and not afraid to grow,
And growing, glory in the surging tide
That's all of life. Who makes a home must know
That home is more than person, time or place,—
A home's the noblest flowering of the race.

JUST how to make the home the noblest, flowering of the race. The wisdom of the past says: "Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Someone has said: "Half of our whole effort in time and money is directed towards reforming and remaking what we have allowed to make bad from right under our very noses, and in patching up human wrecks whom we have failed to train to be spiritually minded."

A mother who had raised her family, lost her husband and was living with her married daughter, was heard to say, "Oh, I wish my daughter would take part in the Church, would have family prayer. I believe her husband, who doesn't profess to be a member of the Church is really a better Mormon than she is, and she could convert him if she would but try." A sad condition, but this mother didn't feel the need of such a thing until her children were grown. She hadn't set the example when a young mother-teacher. What could she do now? She missed her opportunity for her own happiness as well as that of her children.

Quoting from President J. Reuben Clark's address on The Home:

"To you parents it must be said: This precious spirit is here with you because you willed it so. Your act, not his, brought him to you. He did not ask you to bring him to you. When you beckoned him into the flesh you became responsible for him. You can do no act to thrust aside or lay off your shoulders that responsibility. That spirit dear to God is in your keeping. No other person can take your place. Our Father will hold every father and every mother to a strict accountability for the custody and guardianship of every spirit they bring into the world."

Now, as of old, the women accepts her dual role, that of mother and of teacher. Perhaps never before have our mothers so needed guidance and inspiration from on high in helping them be better mothers, than now. Some say children are more intelligent now than ever. I don't know that, but we all know temptations are many and that mothers need be alert, wise, and above all prayerful.

It seems some mothers go to one extreme or the other. In the early days of the Church, mother's place was in the home

and she was made to feel that very definitely. Now our modern mothers have activities out of the home and in some cases the real purpose of her role is forgotten.

The business and professional world opens its doors to women. All that modern progress has done for women is greatly appreciated. But with a more complete understanding of her own mission comes the realization that whatever role she wishes to combine with motherhood, her real obligation is that of mother-teacher.

What could be more intriguing than that of moulding the lives entrusted to our care in our own homes.

Usually little is said of woman's accomplishments as a mother; but should that stay our efforts to rear worthy children? Should we hesitate because the applause of the populace is not directed toward us? What joy, what satisfaction creeps into our souls as we see our sons and daughters living up to the ideals of this wonderful Church—morally clean and pure, obedient to the Priesthood, unselfish, prayerful. What greater honour could any mother have! Living momuments to all she has loved and worked for.

"Now, folks, let's have a quiet chat about this place called Home. Take inventory of its goods from basement unto dome. We find a place to hang one's hat, a bed in which to sleep; a corner where one may retire to sing or read or weep. Conveniences are all around to suit one's present need! In furniture and furnishings may be a home indeed! But all these things are so much trash if LOVE'S not living there; if God is not an unseen guest beside each couch and chair. The halls and courts of palaces, where royalty may roam, have never yet, within themselves, produced a single home. The Home's a thing we cannot see. It has no walls nor floors. It starts to be when God comes through ts open, unseen doors. And God will come at any time that we invite Him there, to be a welcome. unseen guest beside each couch and chair. He'll strike a balance in our lives, throughout the busy day, when eyes are open, hearts in tune, and work is under way. And when the darkness of the night the nooks and crannies fill, what sweet assurance just to know that God moves in there still! So, folks, let's decorate the house from basement to dome, but not forget that only God can make of it a Home."

The Lord in our day has said that the sin is upon the heads of the parents that teach their children not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the Living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.

Example is certainly the great teacher. Mother must be everything she would have her children be. God and love go hand in hand and should have a very important place in the home. Family prayers are indeed a safeguard of the home. Rarely do children go wrong who are raised in praying homes —homes where the parents and children kneel in prayer together night and morning, each taking his or her turn, praying aloud. Children may become careless, depart somewhat from the home teaching, but most assuredly they will come back.

Tithing is another very important requirement to instill in the heart of the child when young. Such a splendid way of teaching unselfishness and a love for the Heavenly Father.

At the end of the year when the membership was invited to come to a tithing settlement, one little lad had reported to

the branch president to see his record and was happy to see his name registered there. Then he said, "But where is Daddy's name?" The branch president was forced to say that his father's name was not on the tithing record. When the lad returned home he told his parents he had been to check on his tithing record and his name was there, and then he said, "But, Daddy, your name was not on the record." The father said, "Don't you worry son, it will be there." That afternoon the father hunted up the branch president and paid his tithing. What power, what force, what sweetness in this example that came from this reflection of the mother-teacher.

We must plant in the hearts of our children a love and respect for the Authorities of our Church. We can do this best through the manner of our own lives, by being obedient to the Priesthood, and remembering always that these men are God's chosen servants. Never should we utter a word of criticism of them. How many children today would have been devout members of the Church had it not been for the poison that came from their parents through criticism of the Authorities.

Now when the time arrives for the son to choose a mate and he looks for a sweetheart, may he want her to be like his mother.

Then. when mother visits them in their new little home and finds that family prayers continue there, and finds them putting into practice the very things mother had taught them from youth—oh, what joy could be greater!

With bowed heads let us, oh mother-teachers, give to our Heavenly Father thanks from the bottom of our hearts for the precious souls entrusted to our care. May we live up to our responsibilities, and may our home be a more noble place because of the role that is ours—that of mother-teacher—that each person will be sweeter and better through our touch.

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A Mother's Day Gift

By Norma Hess Schulthies

I'm just a common fellow
And I don't know how to say
To mother, what I'd like to,
On this our Mother's Day.

First I'd like to tell her
How it makes a fellow feel
When he comes home from playin'
And he smells a ready meal.

Then I'd like for her to know
About that way she has—
She just needs to look at me
And I'm sorry I've been bad.

With that magic touch of hers
She gently calls me "Dear,"
And suddenly I hurt no more
For she's kissed away my tears.

I'd like so much to tell her
If I had words to express—
But it will be the same old line
Again this year, I guess.

I'll just go up and kiss her
And whisper in her ear,
"Here's my Mother's Day gift for you,
I love you, mother, dear."

Mission Genealogical Message

PROBABLY more instances are recorded of manifestations from the spirit world while individuals have been engaged in Temple Work and the Salvation for the Dead, than in any other phase of the Gospel.

When a little thought is given to the subject, the reason becomes apparent. Firstly, we are dealing with matters essential to the progress of personages in the spirit world, and, is it not reasonable to suppose that they will do all in their power to render assistance to those who are labouring on earth in their behalf?

Secondly, our Church leaders have told us that if we do all in our power to seek out the data relating to our dead, having exhausted every avenue of research without results, then oft-times those who have passed over to the world of spirits will be allowed to render assistance.

Many genealogists will testify to having felt the very spirit and presence of the departed loved ones while engaged in this work.

Sister Florence Vincent of the London District relates this dream, which was helpful in bringing her to a realization of her duties in this work. She saw herself sitting in her home, which was extremely spick and span, save for one corner in which she noticed a silver vase which was very dirty and tarnished. Just across the way she saw a little church, from out of which came the members of the Council of the Twelve, who were clothed all in white, and their persons shone with a glorious radiance. Entering her home, they filed past her, and, observing the tarnished vase, in the otherwise spotless home, made expressions of disapproval and distate. Sister Vincent observes that she felt extremely mortified at having this one unseemly article in her home.

Receiving advice on this dream, she was told she had a vital work which she must do. On thinking about this, she suddenly remembered a bundle of her ancestors' names which were stored on an out of the way shelf. These names, numbering over three hundred, had lain there forgotten for three years, and the conviction came to her soul that this was the work which she had neglected, and her house was not "in order" till the salvation of her dead had been accomplished.

Have we all put our "house in order," or is there some long-forgotten work which requires to be done?

Self-examination will show whether or not we are free from the danger of self-reproach in this vital matter of Salvation for our Dead.

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Bradford reports an average attendance of 21.

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—MISSION SUPERVISOR.

MOTHER IN A MODERN WORLD

(Continued from page 293)

daily intimate relationships with children, of earning their respect, of establishing mutual interests and understanding in today's world are overwhelming.

The mother of today must realize that "instinct doesn't furnish all the equipment necessary to meet her child-rearing problems, and mother love in not an adequate substitute for knowledge and efficiency." She must make a scientific approach to her task of child guidance. She must recognize that divine wisdom must be constantly applied in solving her problems. She must wisely appraise her situation and earnestly strive to cope with the present and preserve fundamental values. Every effort must be exerted to wisely direct and adequately supervise children, that they may be fortified to live well in a topsy-turvy world.

Surely, such mothers will be successful mothers, mothers who not only merit the praise of all on Mother's Day, but the deep-seated, everyday gratitude of those whose lives they mould—that gratitude which is "thankfulness expressed in daily action—the heart's recognition of kindness that lips cannot repay."

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DOINGS IN THE DISTRICTS

Birmingham

A baptismal service was held in the Handsworth Chapel on April 6th, at which Donald Royston Jevons was baptised into the Church by Brother W. Alvin Thomas. Confirmation followed under the hands of Brother John M. Josephs.

The Handsworth Branch Presidency was re-organised on Sunday, April 20th, under the direction of the District Presidency. Brother George R. Grundy was sustained as Branch President with Brother W. Alvin Thomas as First Counsellor and Brother Bertram Stokes as Second Counsellor.

On April 26th the Relief Society of the Handsworth Branch held a "Box and Bow" social. Sister Florence B. Dunn, District Supervisor, acted as hostess. Forty-five members and friends present enjoyed a programme of community singing, games and dancing, and concert items. Duets were rendered by Sister and Brother Horner, Sisters W. Makin and W. Stokes, and a solo by Sister Ruth Blower. An organ solo was rendered by Margaret Dunn. A humorous sketch was presented by members of the branch and Lady Missionaries Sisters Agnes Gillespie and Ruth Williams.

Boxes containing food and donated by the sisters were auctioned to the menfolk to raise funds for the Society.

Welsh

Branch Conference of the Varteg Branch of the Welsh District was held on Sunday, April 19th. The theme was Tithing, and District President Richard C. Thomas was in attendance at both sessions. Speakers in the afternoon were Sister Hilda Forward, Sunday School Superintendent, Brother Harold G. Thomas and President Thomas.

In the evening session the time was occupied by Branch President Haydn Forward and President Thomas.

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